

NEWTON YOUTH COMMISSION Meeting
December 5, 2012 MINUTES
Location: Newton City Hall Cafeteria

Present: Joe De Vito Chair, Matt Green, Peter Harrington, Jeff Mace, Terence Sack, Kirsten Tuohy
Staff: Ruth Hoshino, Jennifer O'Leary
Guests: Tom Pomeroy, Tasia Cerezo, Adoran Moste, Deb D'Arcy, Mitch Lyons
Interns: Teekhon Davidoff, Jay Sobel, Jacob Prince, Sophie Veksler

The meeting was opened at 7:05 PM and chaired by Joe De Vito.

A vote to accept the minutes of November 7, 2012 was passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- The budget for FY 2012 is \$2,500
- Expenses to date include:
 - o \$200 for reimbursements for refreshments for student intern meetings
 - o \$487.50 for 6 month subscription to eCHUG
- Need to earmark funds for:
 - o Celebration activity for student interns
 - o Youth Summit 2
 - o End of year award dinner

Business:

Update from the Mayor's Public Service Interns:

eCHUG:

- Usage has not increased
- Need to do a push on marketing again this school year
- Cards need to be printed and brought to High Schools and Youth Officers

Youth Summit II:

- Creating two action groups to target problems/solutions
- Youth Summit II will be an update on action groups
- Using all the brainstorming generated during Youth Summit I to draw priorities for action groups
- Academic Stress is one priority - how to deal with different types of stress and why it is different than parental stress
- Suggestion of thinking of the action groups as groups of people, such as – what can police do? What can schools do? What can parents do? What can students do?
- Interest in bringing the YMCA Teen Center and Boys & Girls Club students into the discussion and planning of Youth Summit II - Jenny will meet with both groups for feedback and hope that some students would like to help in the planning

- Recruitment - more teens to attend the summit is a focus - social networking, classroom incentives, advertising that works for teens
- Branding the Mayor's Public Service Interns by use of a logo and website - City's Youth Commission Webpage could host more information about the Intern Program and their work
- Survey for youth to take to help plan Youth Summit II - sent out through facebook and posted on the library website - Questions could include priority subjects as well as what would be a draw to get you to attend Youth Summit II?
- Logistics of the summit will also be a lot of work - Interest in having a panel made up of students and adults to answer questions
- Plan time for a clear, focused conclusion
- More people or larger breakout groups, more students in the breakout groups
- Social/recreational event with the different youth groups before the next summit
- Invite groups like SADD, class officers, community service clubs

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM. **The next meeting is Wednesday, January 2, 2013.**

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer O'Leary